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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are responsive to the interview conducted on December 2, 2009. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

INTERVIEW

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Nguyen and Examiner Hindenburg for the interview extended on December 2, 2009. During the interview, various differences were discussed and Applicant has endeavored to incorporate these differences into the claims. Reconsideration of the pending claims, as amended, is therefore respectfully requested.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

The cited references do not appear to determine the current position of a distal end of a tool based on the magnitude of a resultant force vector (B) generated by the controllable magnetic field source.

Furthermore, the cited references do not then compare this current position with a dynamic position of an organ obtained from an auxiliary device to determine a position error.

Still further, the cited references fail to teach controlling a controllable magnetic field based on the position error so that the distal end moves substantially in unison with a natural motion of the organ.

Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 39-43 and 45-47.

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If there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (949) 721-6305 or at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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